

# Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**4th Sunday after Epiphany  
January 30, A.D. 2022**

## **Mass Schedule**

**Sundays: 8am, 11am**  
**Monday: 12 Noon**  
**Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm**  
**Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon**  
**1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm**  
**Saturday: 9am**

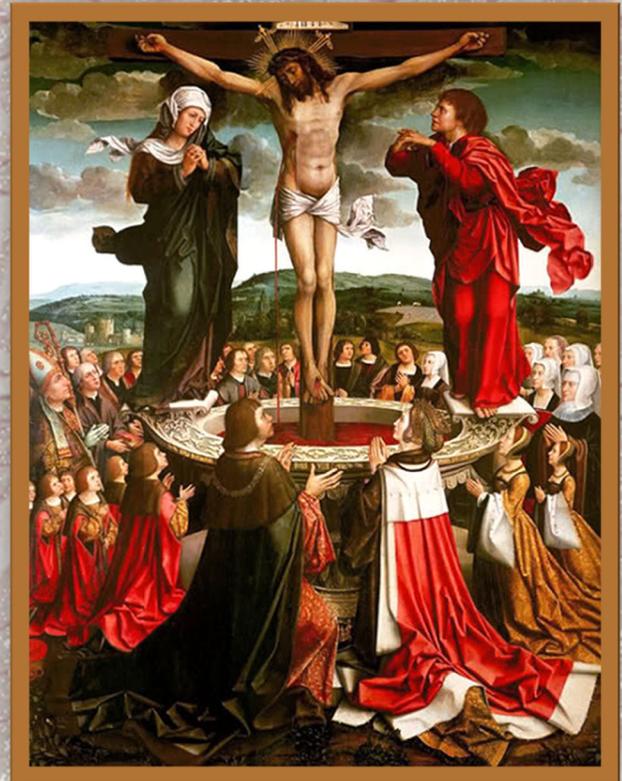
## **Confession Schedule**

**Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am**  
**Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am**  
**Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm**  
**Saturday: 8-8:45am**

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.  
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**4th Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM + Eleanor Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**St. John Bosco, 3rd Class—White**

12PM Beckett Lewin (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM + Wayne Yoest (Barbara Fetsko)

7PM + Royal Uhlman (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**Purification of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White**

12PM Francis Shivone (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

7PM + Margaret Effinger (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**St. Blaise, 4th Class—Red**

12PM + Dorothy Kenna (Elizabeth Blume)

**Friday, February 4, 2022 *First Friday***

**Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Andrew Corsini*

12PM + Charles Coon (Maureen Coon & Family)

7PM Leif Uhlman (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

**Saturday, February 5, 2022 *First Saturday***

**Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Agatha*

9AM Temporal & Spiritual Welfare of Veronica  
McQuaide (Doug Young Family)

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**5th Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Mary Uhlman (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, January 23, 2022*

Offertory ..... \$9,761.00

Parish Share ..... \$880.00

St. Anthony's School ..... \$120.00

Food Pantry ..... \$10.00

*Faith Direct Report (December 16 —31, 2021)*

Offertory ..... \$6,245.00

Parish Share 2021 ..... \$200.00

Christmas Charities ..... \$25.00

ICRSS Seminary Fund ..... \$1,000.00

The parish greatly appreciates your generosity.

## **On Line Contributions**

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested, please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 866-507-8757. Our parish code is PA678.

## **End-of-Year Statements**

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish will not automatically send 2021 end-of-year donation summaries to those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like a summary, please contact the parish office (email: [office@mpboj.com](mailto:office@mpboj.com) or phone: 412.761.1508). Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

# **Pray the Rosary Daily!**

## **Parish Notices**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

**PARISH NEWS**—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

**WEEKLY GET TOGETHER**—Join your fellow parishioners for **coffee and doughnuts** (75¢ each) in the school building on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30am, while Catechism Classes are in session. If you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, service, or cleanup, please contact Tom Smith: [tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com) or call (412) 606-9866.

## **Group News**

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9a.m. Mass. Please contact [JillianLKaufman@gmail.com](mailto:JillianLKaufman@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Christian Mothers Meeting**

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Saturday, February 5th for First Saturday Mass at 9:00AM, followed by their monthly brunch and meeting in the school building.

## **Parish Directory**

It's your last chance to be included in the Parish Directory! The two final dates for family portraits are February 11 and 12, 2022. You can login to schedule your appointment at: <https://www.ucdir.com/>. The login info is as follows: user name: pa916; password: photos. Remember that only those who are photographed will receive a complimentary 8"x 10" portrait and a free parish directory. There is no obligation to order or pay for any photos to be included in the directory. So far, 191 families have been photographed, which represents approximately 50% of our parishioners—so sign-up now for one of the last two photo days.

## **Aquinas Academy Open House**

Aquinas Academy High School is hosting an admissions open house for families on Saturday, February 5, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Find out how your child will benefit from an Aquinas Academy education. Information about merit scholarships and financial aid will be available. For more information, contact Mr. Joe Austin, Director of Enrollment, at (724) 444-0722 (x15) or [austin@AquinasAcademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@AquinasAcademy-pittsburgh.org).

## **Thank You March for Life Pilgrims!**

Thank you to all of our March for Life pilgrims, who made the journey to Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 21st, and marched in those frigid temperatures. Your devotion to the vulnerable unborn, in the fight against abortion, is exemplary.

## **Holy Hour of Adoration**

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 pm on Thursday, February 3rd.

## Catechism Corner

From The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to fulfill this holy pope's desire to have a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.

### The Commandments of God and of the Church

#### *The First Commandment*

**1 Q: Why is it said at the commencement of the Commandments: I am the Lord thy God?** A: It is said at the commencement of the Commandments: I am the Lord thy God, to show us that God being our Creator and Lord, can command whatever He wills, and that we, being His creatures, are bound to obey Him.

**2 Q: In the words of the First Commandment: Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me, what does God command us?** A: By the words of the First Commandment: Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me, He commands us to acknowledge, adore, love and serve Him alone as our Sovereign Lord.

**3 Q: How do we fulfill the First Commandment?** A: We fulfill the First Commandment by the practice of internal and external worship.

**4 Q: What is internal worship?** A: Internal worship is the honor which is given to God with the faculties of the soul alone, that is with the intellect and the will.

**5 Q: What is external worship?** A: External worship is the homage that is given to God by means of outward acts and of sensible objects.

**6 Q: Is it not enough internally to adore God with the heart alone?** A: No, it is not enough internally to adore God with the heart alone; we must also adore Him externally with both soul and body, because He is the Creator and absolute Lord of both.

**7 Q: Can there be external worship without internal worship?** A: No, in no way can there be external worship without internal, because unless external worship is accompanied by internal, it is destitute of life, of merit, and of efficacy, like a body without a soul.

**8 Q: What is forbidden by the First Commandment?** A: The First Commandment forbids idolatry, superstition, sacrilege, heresy, and every other sin against religion.

**9 Q: What is idolatry?** A: Idolatry is the giving to any creature, for example, to a statue, to an image, or to a man, the supreme worship of adoration that belongs to God alone.

**10 Q: How is this prohibition expressed in Holy Scripture?** A: This prohibition is expressed in Holy Scripture in these words: Thou shalt not make to thyself a graven thing, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or on the earth beneath; and thou shalt not adore them or serve them.

**11 Q: Do these words forbid every kind of image?** A: Certainly not; but only those of false divinities, made to be adored, as idolaters adore them. So true is this, that God Himself commanded Moses to make images, as, for example, the two statues of the Cherubim for the Ark, and the Brazen Serpent in the desert.

**12 Q: What is superstition?** A: Superstition is any devotion that is contrary to the teaching and practice of the Church; as also the ascribing to any action or any thing whatever a supernatural virtue which it does not possess.

**13 Q: What is a sacrilege?** A: A sacrilege is the profanation of a place, of a person, or of a thing consecrated to God and set apart for his worship.

**14 Q: What is heresy?** A: Heresy is a culpable error of the intellect by which some truth of faith is obstinately denied.

**15 Q: What else does the First Commandment forbid?** A: The First Commandment also forbids all dealings with the devil, and all association with anti-Christian sects.

**16 Q: If one were to have recourse to and invoke the devil, would he commit a grave sin?** A: If one were to have recourse to and invoke the devil, he would commit an enormous sin, because the devil is the most wicked enemy both of God and of man.

**17 Q: Is it lawful to put questions to speaking or writing tables or in any way to consult the souls of the dead by means of spiritism?**

A: All the practices of spiritism are unlawful, because they are superstitious; and often they are not free from diabolical intervention; and hence they are rightly condemned by the Church.

**18 Q: Does the First Commandment forbid us to honor and invoke the Angels and Saints?** A: No, it is not forbidden to honor and invoke the Angels and Saints; on the contrary, we should do so, because it is a good and useful practice highly commended by the Church; for they

are God's friends and our intercessors with Him.

**19 Q: Since Jesus Christ is our only mediator with God, why have recourse also to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints?** A: Jesus Christ is our Mediator with God, because being true God and true man He alone in virtue of His own merits has reconciled us to God and obtains us all graces. But in virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, and through the charity which unites them to God and us, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints help us by their intercession to obtain the graces we ask. And this is one of the great benefits of the Communion of Saints.

**20 Q: May we also honor the sacred images of Jesus Christ and of the Saints?** A: Yes, because the honor we give the sacred images of Jesus Christ and of the Saints is referred to their very persons.

**21 Q: May the relics of the Saints be honored?** A: Yes, we should honor the relics of the Saints, because their bodies were living members of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost, and will rise gloriously to eternal life.

**22 Q: What is the difference between the honor we give to God and the honor we give to the Saints?** A: Between the honor we give to God and the honor we give to the Saints there is this difference, that we adore God because of His infinite excellence, whereas we do not adore the Saints, but honor and venerate them as God's friends and our intercessors with Him. The honor we give to God is called Latria, that is, the worship of adoration; the honor we give to the Saints is called Dulia, that is, the veneration of the servants of God; while the special honor we give to the Blessed Virgin is called Hyperdulia, that is, a special veneration of the Mother of God.

## Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Keep this maxim well in mind: God is our Father, because if He were not, Jesus would not have commanded us to say, "Our Father..." What have you to fear if you are children of such a Father without whose Providence not even one hair of our head would fall? Is it not extraordinary that, being children of such a Father, we have or could have any other preoccupation than that of loving Him and serving Him?



## Sacred Art Show

Assumption Church in Bellevue is hosting a free Sacred Art show in McGovern Hall from 6:00—8:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2022. The show features local and national artists. Art will be available for purchase and everyone is welcome.

## The parish needs your input!

The parish is considering ways of making the weekday daily Mass available to the most parishioners possible, by scheduling the time of the daily Mass most convenient for those who can attend. With that in mind, we are conducting a survey of individuals/families who desire to attend daily Mass. If you would be able to attend weekday Mass depending on the time it is scheduled, please consider completing a survey form found at the side entrance to the Church. Anonymous responses may be deposited in the box also found at the side entrance. The survey period is until Sunday, February 6, 2022. Whatever the result of the survey, weekday daily Masses scheduled during the current open Mass Intention Request period will be scheduled for Noon.

## Benedictus Booklets

The February edition of the Sophia Press booklet service, *Benedictus—The Traditional Catholic Companion* is available at the church entrances. Please pick up a copy and share your thoughts/comments by emailing the parish office (office@mpboj.com). We will soon decide a permanent process for making these booklets available on a monthly basis.

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